

# **NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

### **1st Meeting**

**DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

**TIME: 9:00 a.m.**

**PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission**

**Hearing Room - 8th Floor**

**40 Fountain Street**

**Providence, RI 02903**

**1. Motion to extend time to approve minutes of Open Session held on December 21, 2010.**

**2. Advisory Opinions:**

**a.) John Spier, a member of the Block Island Housing Board, requests an advisory opinion concerning his ability to participate in**

**general Housing Board discussions and voting concerning construction projects.**

**b.) Gordon R. Bouchard, R.N., B.S.N, the Director of Nurses at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether he may attend informational dinner events sponsored by pharmaceutical companies.**

**c.) Brenden T. Oates, a member of the Smithfield School Committee, requests an advisory opinion as to whether he may participate in the review of bids for a construction contract with the Smithfield School Department given that his mother is currently a part-time secretary at one of the architectural firms that made a bid for the project.**

**d.) Carol Guimond, a member of the Tiverton Planning Board, requests an advisory opinion as to whether she may participate in and vote on the Tiverton Planning Board's review of a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow landscaping businesses within certain zones of the Town of Tiverton, given the fact that the Petitioner is a resident and property owner in one of the affected zoning districts and an abutter to another affected zoning district.**

**e.) Stephen J. Hughes, a member and Chairman of the Tiverton Planning Board, requests an advisory opinion as to whether he may participate in and vote on the Tiverton Planning Board's review of a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow landscaping**

**businesses within certain zones of the Town of Tiverton, given the fact that the Petitioner is a resident and property owner in one of the affected zoning districts.**

**f.) Patricia Cote, a member of the Tiverton Planning Board, requests an advisory opinion as to whether she may participate in and vote on the Tiverton Planning Board's review of a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow landscaping businesses within certain zones of the Town of Tiverton, given the fact that the Petitioner is a resident and property owner in one of the affected zoning districts.**

**g.) Frank DiMauro, a member of the Tiverton Planning Board, requests an advisory opinion as to whether he may participate in and vote on the Tiverton Planning Board's review of a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow landscaping businesses within certain zones of the Town of Tiverton, given the fact that the Petitioner is a resident and property owner in one of the affected zoning districts.**

**h.) Christopher J. Pucino, Esq., an Assistant Solicitor for the Town of Coventry, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prevents his service as Assistant Solicitor given his professional and business association with the Coventry Municipal Court Judge.**

**3. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §**

**42-46-5(a)(2) and (4), to wit:**

**a.) Motion to extend time to approve minutes of Executive Session held on December 21, 2010.**

**b.) In re: John Winfield, Jr.,  
Complaint No. 2010-6**

**c.) In re: Maria G. Vallee,  
Complaint No. 2010-9**

**d.) Status Update:**

**Joseph S. Larisa, Jr. v. Rhode Island Ethics Commission,  
Supreme Court No. 10-280-M.P.**

**e.) Motion to return to Open Session.**

**4. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on January 11, 2011.**

**5. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.**

**6. Commission Discussion re: Treatment of Members of Umbrella Unions/Professional Organizations.**

**7. Commission Discussion re: R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5(h), Prohibited activities regarding entering into contracts with state or municipal agencies.**

**8. Director's Report.**

**a.) Docket Status Update.**

**9. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.**

**10. Adjournment.**

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